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Dear Bills	
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I believe that you are one of the few classmates whose path I have not crossed since our graduation. I had it only too indelibly impressed upon me how long that has been by attending our 15 year rounion at West Point this June. Some 50 classantes were present and I think all in all the rounion was a grand success. I have, of course, heard of you many times through such metual friends as Gabe Discowny, Milt Summerfelt, Kingfish Kelly and others.

As a result of wounds received during the lasem compaign, and after spending almost two years in the hospital, I was retired from the service on 1 March 1947 and have since been connected with the Central Intelligence Agency. As Chief of the Fereign Breadcast Information Branch I have been connected from the beginning with the proposed new menitoring station at \_\_\_\_\_\_ and, of course, it is in this connection that I learned through Gelenel John M. Storling that you were at present the let Air Division Staff Engineer. I am cortainly glad that you are there and I feel that I can fill in many of the missing links that apparently have caused some misunder-standing with reference to this project. It is, of course, for this reason that I am prompted to write at this time.

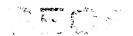
During the war the menitoring service in the Pacific was beamed on Japan. Therefore, we find ourselves at the present time with our most distant menitoring station in the Hamilton Islands, from which location it is impossible for us to receive many of the broadcasts from the Asiatic mainland which are considered so vital by our intelligence agencies.

Well ever a year age we started surveying the Pacific for a new sonitoring station from which we could accomplish our mission. Guam, Japan, the Philippines, Chinema and other places were surveyed and tested. It was finally decided that the site on Chinema offered an almost ideal spot from a technical stampoint. Late last year we sent a team to Chinema to test this site and discuss it with the authorities on the spot in project was discussed in detail

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with the let Air Division staff as well as the RYKOM staff. Initially there were some objections by let Air Division. After carefully examining the project, however, and having it explained to them by our team, it was decided that there was no objection to this project. Accordingly, the attached message (Tab A) was sont by let Air Division to COPEAF on 4 December 1947.

This project having been found acceptable by all echolons of the seasond, we have proceeded with it to include getting the maney allocated and farming out the job to the U.S. Army Engineers. Our engineer is at present working with the Nestern Ocean Division of the Army Engineers at Sansalite, California, in preparation of the final specifications, and it is anticipated that the contract will be let very shortly. About I July of this year I received an informal report from a member of this agency who had visited Okinawa that he understood your people were concidering the reactivation of the Gensequently, we queried the Air Ferces here in Eachington since we ned been in touch with them earlier in connection with this project. On T July 1968 we were advised by the Air Ferces in Eachington that the

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With the project having reached quite an advanced stage of implementation, I was quite surprised when I received the attached message (Tab S) from my engineer who is working with the Army Engineers on the Nest Coast. The objections which he mentioned were identical to those which had been raised in the beginning and on which we thought we had completely satisfied the lat Air Division prior to their disputch of the message attached as Tab A.

I feel sure that all of this misunderstanding is due to the fact that the present let Air Division staff for the most part were not familiar with the actual project as presented lete last year. The air target range was discussed in detail with the staff and it was agreed that there would be no interference to either operation since the range is more than a mile from the nearest antenna and I understand that the direction of fire is seaward. It was also agreed that the 50 feet poles would cause as interference to the strip since the nearest rhemble pole would be at least 1600 feet from the strip, and the terrain, direction of the strip, and prevailing winds proclude a landing or take-off from or toward the direction of the antenna field.

of course; I may be prejudiced on this score, but I sincerely believe that there is no intelligence collecting activity in our intelligence structure that would be missed more than our service if it should be surtailed. It is not only a service for the Central Intelligence Agency, but a service for all government agencies particularly Central Intelligence, the Air Ferces, Intelligence Division of the Army, the Novy and the State Department. We also supply the Voice of America, which, incidentally, is





housed by our classmate, Charlie Theyer, with a significent amount of material. We publish a Daily Report of foreign radio broadcasts of approximately 200 mineographed pages each day and distribute it to all government agencies having a legitimate need for its

It was certainly not our intention to interfere in any way with Air Forces installations or activities, and we certainly would not have gone on with the project had we had any idea that we would do so. However, we have reached such an advanced stage with this particular project at this time that it would be a serious blow to us and to our intelligence efforts if we should be forced to alter our course.

), who is presently in Tekye, plans to arrive a	<b>25X</b> 1
Okinema on or about 15 September 1968 and will be in charge of th	10_
project. He will be followed shortly thereafter by	25X1
mis is our engineer. I am sure that you will find both of them I	willy
cooperative and that all details of this project can be worked ou	t to
the mittal satisfection and advantage of both the Air Feroes and	the
Control Intelligence Agency. I will greatly appreciate your coop	oration .
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Please give my kindest regards to any of our mutual friends when you see them and I hope it will not be as long as it has been before we meet again.

Sincerely,

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